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Letter dated 21 October 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Listing "Yugoslavia" in the Permanent Missions to the United Nations "Blue Book" (No. 271) under the name of "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia" is a grave violation of Security Council resolution 777 (1992) and General Assembly resolution 47/1. It is prejudging decisions that may be taken by appropriate United Nations bodies concerning the future membership of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) in the United Nations, and it is contrary to the spirit of Security Council document S/23878 of 5 May 1992.

Croatia would like to believe that this is just a technical administrative mistake and not another attempt by the Yugoslav Government to ignore inconsiderately the relevant Security Council and General Assembly resolutions. Anyway, this creates a dangerous precedent which is undermining the authority and legal power of the United Nations Organization.

In spite of the widely known fact that "the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) should apply for membership in the United Nations" - as is underlined in paragraph 1 of Security Council resolution 777 (1992) - the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is already listed in the "Blue Book" as a sovereign Member of the United Nations. If such an act remains unchallenged, how can one expect that the other Security Council and General Assembly resolutions should be fulfilled and respected?

The Republic of Croatia is resolutely supporting all the United Nations documents directed to promoting peace and stability in Europe and around the world. Security Council resolution 777 (1992) and General Assembly resolution 47/1 are among those resolutions which are emerging as the watershed in achieving a durable and lasting solution of the so-called

"Yugoslav crisis". Those resolutions must be implemented fully and precisely. Therefore, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) cannot be listed, nor considered, as a State Member of the United Nations.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 8, and of the Security Council.

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